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The summer set the mocking birds to singing silver sweet,  
But pleasure in full measure comes with the winter gray,  
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Sorrow still and sighing;  
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Singing with the mocking birds or sighing on the road,  
It's only life, my masters, the laughter or the load,  
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#### New Wall Papers.

Some striking designs are shown in art nouveau papers. One represents a pathway winding through an orchard and another a meadow by a lake, with boats floating on the surface of the water. A design on real grass cloth is a charming novelty. An arbor of roses with cloud effect overhead and groups of Easter lilies with overarching vista of sky are two of the most beautiful wall paper ideas of the year.

#### A Miracle in China.

Actors in China are very well paid, but are much despised. No actor or son of an actor, says the Chicago News, can compete at the public examinations for the literary degree which is the doorway to public office, and consequently the actor's profession, when once adopted, is vital to those who follow it.

An English doctor was called to attend a young actor whose leg was in a bad condition from careless treatment. The foot had been amputated as a result of compound fracture caused by a fall on the stage. Filth and neglect had done the rest, and there was very little chance of the man's recovery. Still the doctor felt justified in taking that chance and therefore amputated the man's leg. To the surprise of the doctor, the leg healed by first intention, and in a few weeks the actor was ready to resume work. The doctor fitted him with an artificial leg, and his good fortune began.

He at once undertook a part where his leg was knocked off, to the horror of the audience. After the apparent accident he was carried off the stage and presently reappeared, walking as well as before.

The Chinese are unfamiliar with artificial legs, and each time the dramatic incident occurred they regarded it as a miracle.

#### Aroused His Curiosity.

The agitated young man began: "Mr. Brockman, you may have noticed that I have been a frequent caller at your house for the last year or more."

"Yes," replied the busy merchant, "I have seen you there now and then. I remember."

"You will not be surprised therefore when I tell you that I want to marry your daughter."

"But—"

"Let me anticipate any objections you might have, Mr. Brockman. I am of good family, I am not dissipated, I have a good business and am abundantly able to support a wife. All I ask is—"

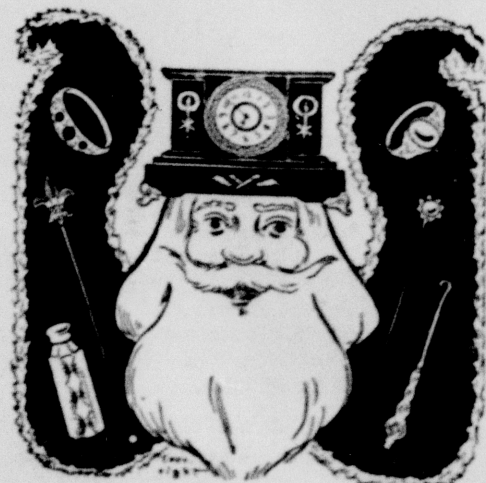
"But, young man—"

"I can bring testimonials to prove all I say. I have never wanted any other girl, and—"

"But—"

"And never shall want any other girl. From the first it has been a case of—"

"Look here, young man, let me get in a word. Which one of my four daughters is it you want?"



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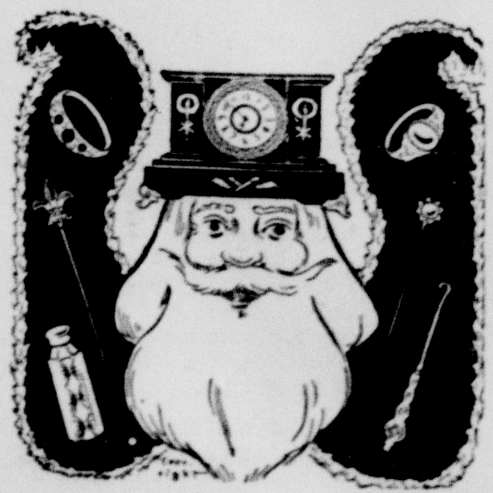
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### NEW MAIL BOX DEVICES.

**Bell Will Ring In Postoffice When a Box Is Opened.**

The Washington city postoffice, being under the same roof with the department to which it is responsible and under the scrutiny of the department officials, is regarded as a model office. Whenever any new device is proposed for the postal service it is first tried on the Washington office, says the New York Times.

With the beginning of the year a number of entirely new devices in postal business will be tested. One is a new mail box, which is said to be the most perfect arrangement yet made to keep tabs on letter carriers and collectors. The boxes will be arranged on a regular route and numbered. Each will be connected by a wire with an annunciator board in the main office, and as the collector opens the box to take out the mail a bell will ring and an index on the board will tell the box that is open.

The electrical work on the new box is so fixed that if the collector fails to open a box there is a wire which prevents his opening the next box in the series, and the fact is also announced at the main office.

There is a third novelty in the new system. In each box there is to be hung on the inside a telephone transmitter and receiver, and if at any time the collector should need to communicate with his chief at the office he can do so, or the latter can tell from the annunciator just where he is and talk with him if necessary.

### NOVEL USE FOR X RAYS.

**Thievery In Japanese Mints to Be Exposed by the Machines.**

The Japanese government has put the X rays to a practical use, according to the Electrical World and Engineer. A firm in Philadelphia has recently sold to that government one of its machines for a novel purpose. The representative of Japan who placed the order said that in the governmental mints a great many gold dollars are coined, and there has been considerable loss through dishonest employees swallowing the small coins and thus taking them out of the mints. There has been no way of preventing this until a clever official suggested the use of the X rays, and the machine was ordered at once.

It is not proposed to put every employee to the test when leaving the mints, but he will be searched by electricity from time to time, unexpectedly, and any one of the employees may be called up at any time to undergo the test. It is believed that the fear of detection will prevent the stealing, at least in the form now used.

### The Automobile Craze.

The man who does not desire the craze to strike him should not even ride in an automobile, according to James M. Watson, an attorney of Washington. "When you once get an automobile, your dissatisfaction begins," said he at the Waldorf hotel in New York the other day to a reporter of the New York Tribune. "If you don't want the craze, don't get in one. My first experience was with a nice, comfortable machine that rolled along pleasantly. I was out on the road one day when a red whizzer dashed by at a thirty-five mile clip. Then I suddenly grew tired of mine and had to get a faster one, the craze increasing. Now, I presume, if a green devil passes me at express train speed I shall be still more dissatisfied."

### New Tunnel Under the Thames.

A tunnel under the Thames for the accommodation of pedestrians has been recently completed and opened to the public. It is a tube eleven feet in diameter, 1,217 feet long, with the top thirteen feet below the river bed. It is accessible by electric elevators and a spiral iron railway at either end.

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### Palms.

"I see financial troubles ahead of you," said the gypsy as she scrutinized the lines in Softleigh's palm.

"What is the cause thereof?" asked the innocent youth.

"I see a dark woman," continued the dealer in futures, "who is destined to cause you trouble in money matters."

"As I expected," groaned the callow youth. "That washerwoman is going to hold my laundry for ransom again. Oh, woe is me!"—Chicago News.

### Tommy Won.

Two brothers went to the same school. They were absent about a fortnight, and then one returned alone.

"Where is your brother Thomas?" asked the master.

"Please, sir, he's laid up with a sprained arm. We were trying to see which could lean out of the window farthest, and Tommy won."

### She Made Him.

Mrs. Tower—Frankly, John Tower, I think you are the meanest man I ever saw.

Mr. Tower—I wouldn't say that, Gusto; you know you've said hundreds of times that you have been the making of me.—Boston Transcript.

### Escaped With His Life.

"Did Biggs have any luck hunting lions in Africa?"

"Yes. Great luck."

"How?"

"Didn't meet any lions."—Washington Star.

### They Cost Money.

She—Certainly you have some friends.

He—Yes, but it takes every cent I can rake and scrape.—Town Topics.

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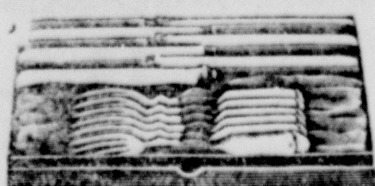


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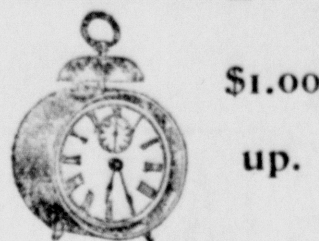
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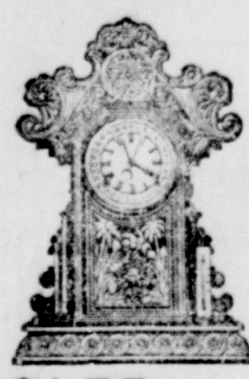
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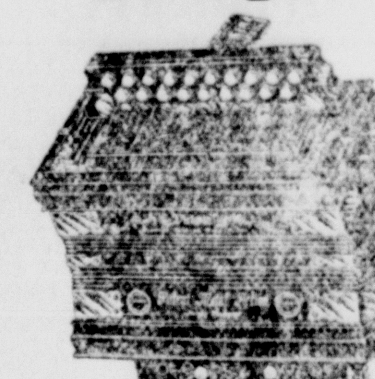
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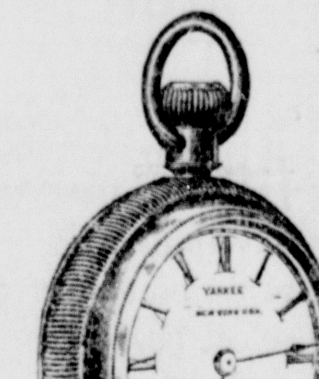
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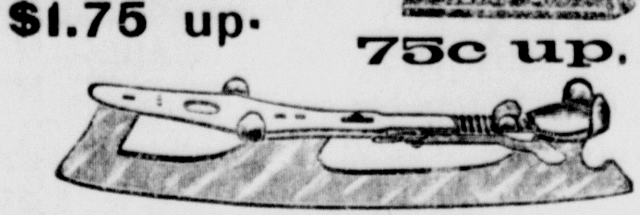
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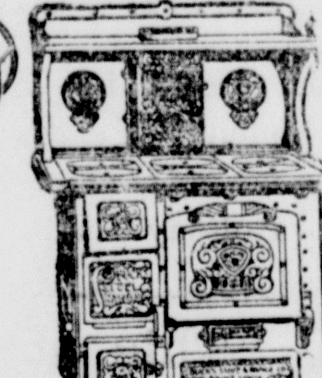
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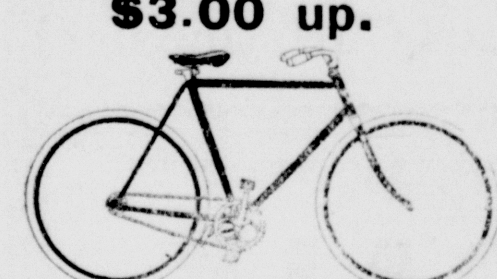
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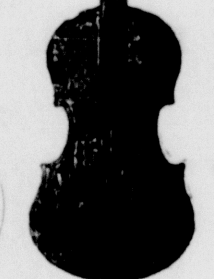
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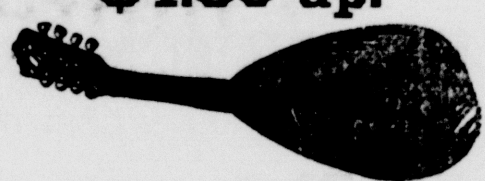
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Bell Will Ring in Postoffice When a Box Is Opened.

The Washington city postoffice, being under the same roof with the department to which it is responsible and under the scrutiny of the department officials, is regarded as a model office. Whenever any new device is proposed for the postal service it is first tried on the Washington office, says the New York Times.

With the beginning of the year a number of entirely new devices in postal business will be tested. One is a new mail box, which is said to be the most perfect arrangement yet made to keep tabs on letter carriers and collectors. The boxes will be arranged on a regular route and numbered. Each will be connected by a wire with an annunciator board in the main office, and as the collector opens the box to take out the mail a bell will ring and an index on the board will tell the box that is open.

The electrical work on the new box is so fixed that if the collector fails to open a box there is a wire which prevents his opening the next box in the series, and the fact is also announced at the main office.

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Thievery in Japanese Mints to Be Exposed by the Machines.

The Japanese government has put the X rays to a practical use, according to the Electrical World and Engineer. A firm in Philadelphia has recently sold to that government one of its machines for a novel purpose. The representative of Japan who placed the order said that in the governmental mints a great many gold dollars are coined, and there has been considerable loss through dishonest employees swallowing the small coins and thus taking them out of the mints. There has been no way of preventing this until a clever official suggested the use of the X rays, and the machine was ordered at once.

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The man who does not desire the craze to strike him should not even ride in an automobile, according to James M. Watson, an attorney of Washington. "When you once get an automobile, your dissatisfaction begins," said he at the Waldorf hotel in New York the other day to a reporter of the New York Tribune. "If you don't want the craze, don't get in one. My first experience was with a nice, comfortable machine that rolled along pleasantly. I was out on the road one day when a red whizzer dashed by at a thirty-five mile clip. Then I suddenly grew tired of mine and had to get a faster one, the craze increasing. Now, I presume, if a green devil passes me at express train speed I shall be still more dissatisfied."

## New Tunnel Under the Thames.

A tunnel under the Thames for the accommodation of pedestrians has been recently completed and opened to the public. It is a tube eleven feet in diameter, 1,217 feet long, with the top thirteen feet below the river bed. It is accessible by electric elevators and a spiral iron railway at either end.

## A Christmas Want.

The great need of the country now, in Christmas days so mellow, is just a stocking big enough to fit a little fellow!  
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## Palms.

"I see financial troubles ahead of you," said the gypsy as she scrutinized the lines in Softleigh's palm.

"What is the cause thereof?" asked the innocent youth.

"I see a dark woman," continued the dealer in futures, "who is destined to cause you trouble in money matters."

"As I expected," groaned the callow youth. "That washerwoman is going to hold my laundry for ransom again. Oh, woe is me!"—Chicago News.

## Tommy Won.

Two brothers went to the same school. They were absent about a fortnight, and then one returned alone.

"Where is your brother Thomas?" asked the master.

"Please, sir, he's laid up with a sprained arm. We were trying to see which could lean out of the window farthest, and Tommy won."

## She Made Him.

Mrs. Tower—Frankly, John Tower, I think you are the meanest man I ever saw.

Mr. Tower—I wouldn't say that, Gusty; you know you've said hundreds of times that you have been the making of me.—Boston Transcript.

## Escaped With His Life.

"Did Biggs have any luck hunting lions in Africa?"  
"Yes. Great luck."  
"How?"

"Didn't meet any lions."—Washington Star.

## They Cost Money.

She—Certainly you have some friends.

He—Yes, but it takes every cent I can rake and scrape.—Town Topics.

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There was a basket social at the white school house a week ago, and by the time this is in print there will have been another, both for a Christmas tree for the Sunday school.  
It makes any one chilly to pass that poor fellow that is "climbing" for Henry I. Cohen's grocery store. We would suggest if he has to stay there all winter he be furnished an overcoat and cap.  
We forgot to mention in our last items that Judd Die had recovered and was able to begin his school again, also he had concluded to board during the cold weather with his aunt Mrs. Emma Shew.  
The owner of the sign board at the junction of the Bay Lake and Esdon road would be willing to give a dollar to know who defaced the sign board that he had put up for the good of the traveling public. People have often gone two, three or more miles out of the way before it was put up, as there is no house near that turn, where any one can find out about the road. Isn't there a law against such defacements.  
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By shipping celery in the rough, the salable portion is protected from bruising, and the bunches look more fresh and clean when trimmed and washed but a few hours before being offered for sale.  
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Forestry on the farm is receiving much attention from the wideawake practical farmers.  
George M. Clark, the eastern grass expert, makes the comfortable assertion that "there is no such thing as wornout lands; they are simply dormant."  
The net decrease in the new beet and cane sugar crops of the world is estimated at 1,108,680 tons by the Sugar Trade Journal.  
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You sowed the seed  
Of manhood where you passed;  
Your way was long,  
Your hand grip strong,  
Your heart strong to the last.

Mid heat of hate  
In the debate  
You saw hate take the lead;  
Your brain was sound,  
You stood your ground;  
You ruled them all, Tom Reed.

They called you czar,  
They cursed you far  
And cursed you far and nigh,  
But not a foe  
Who cursed you so  
But mourns you, now you die.

For as you fought  
Your soul was wrought  
By no mean thought or slight,  
And with your brain  
And might and main  
You wrestled for the right.

But when 'twas done,  
At set of sun,  
The foes who fought you fair  
Fought face to face  
To gain a place  
Beside your roomy chair.

The world has ends;  
Few men have friends,  
But you, Tom Reed, God knows,  
Have at the last  
No friends more fast  
Than those who were your foes.

Therefore you go,  
Sans pomp or show,  
And faithful to your creed;  
Your friends were true,  
Your foes loved you,  
And so goodby, Tom Reed!

—Harold Richard Vynne in Chicago Inter Ocean.

## MEAT FIT DIET FOR ARMIES

English Expert Says Our Feeding Makes Americans Best Soldiers.

Nathaniel E. Yorke-Davies, London's famous consulting physician in dietetics, has forwarded to Secretaries Root and Long and Generals Miles and Corbin a statement containing his conclusions as to the proper feeding for fighting men. Speaking to the Chicago Daily News London correspondent the other day, Dr. Yorke-Davies said:

"Wars have been lost and won by commissary departments. The fate of peoples in civil conflict depends on the character of the food they eat. Soldiers and sailors in this country (England) at present get too much bread and too little meat. The military successes of the ancient Greeks were due to their fare, which consisted of plain meats and almost nothing else. Much of England's trouble in South Africa was the result of diet. The transports landed the soldiers on the battlefield overfat from the consumption of starch.

"Rich food makes men effeminate and cowardly. Animal food makes them courageous and hardy. America's army is the best in the world because its feeding is more nearly right than that of any other nation. Russia comes next. England is third. Germany is fourth and France a bad fifth. The soldier, especially the growing soldier, should have one pound of meat each day in peace and an extra quarter of a pound during war."

## AVOIDS NEW BOOKS.

Herbert Spencer Has Not Read One of This Year's Products.

The London academy has put its annual question, "What two books in the past year have you read with the most interest and pleasure?" and Herbert Spencer, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, answers, "I have not read any new books this year."

Some of the other answers are as follows:

Professor Skeat of Cambridge university: "I have not read any new books this year. I have quite enough to do to read the old ones."

Thomas Hardy names Margaret L. Woods' "Princess of Hanover" as one. Edmund Gosse selects James' "Wings of the Dove," and Frederic Harrison picks out Stephen Phillips' "Ulysses."

## Odd Adventure With a Cat.

Mrs. Alexander Downey of the village of Galesburg, near Niles, Mich., was preparing to attend an entertainment the other evening and was nearly ready, only waiting the return of her husband, who was to accompany her, when she opened a closet door, and the family cat sprang from a shelf and alighted upon her head. Its claws became entangled in Mrs. Downey's hair, and upon his return Mr. Downey found his wife unconscious on the floor, while the cat was struggling furiously to release itself. It was found necessary to chloroform the animal so as to release Mrs. Downey, who was not seriously injured.

## Novel Fishing Lure.

In France a novel method of catching fish is being tested by anglers. A tiny mirror is attached to the line near the baited hook. The assumption is that a fish, when it sees itself in a glass, will conclude that some other fish is trying to carry off the bait and will make haste to secure the tempting morsel itself, the result being that it will speedily be caught on the relentless hook. From experiments which have been made there seems to be some foundation for this assumption. At any rate, some anglers say that they catch more fish when they use the little mirror than they ever caught before.

## Latest Hygienic Fad.

A society has been formed in Manchester, England, the members of which eschew the morning meal. The nonbreakfasters contend that breakfast retards activity of both mind and body and is a fertile cause of indigestion, dyspepsia and like ailments.

## Latest Books of Fiction.

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## Weeping at a Wedding.

A Chinese marriage is all ceremony—no talk, no levity and much crying. The solemnity of a funeral prevails. After the exchange of presents the bride is dressed with much care in a red gown, brocade or silk, if she can get it; her eyelashes are painted a deep black, and she wears a heavy red veil attached to a scarlet headress, from which imitation pearls are pendent over the forehead. A feast is spread upon a table, to which the blushing bride is led by five of her best female friends. They are seated at the table, but no one eats. The utmost silence prevails, when, finally, the mother leads off in a cry, the maids follow and the bride echoes in the chorus. Then all the bridesmaids leave the table and the disconsolate mother takes a seat beside the chair of state where the bride sits. The bridegroom now enters, with four of his best men. The men pick up the throne on which the bride sits, and, preceded by the bridegroom, form in procession and walk around the room or into an adjoining parlor, signifying that he is carrying her away to his own home. The guests then throw rice at the happy couple, a custom we have borrowed from the heathen.

## Professional Pride.

Newspaper men, from great editors down to rural correspondents, are proud of their profession, although not all sit as secure as John Black, for many years the chief of the London Chronicle.

Black supported the Melbourne administration, in his paper, yet he never asked a favor of any of the ministers. On one occasion Lord Melbourne said to him:

"You are the only man in England who forgets that I am prime minister."

"How so, my lord?" inquired Black, supposing that he had been inadvertently disrespectful.

"Because," replied Melbourne, "you are the only man I know who never asks a favor of me."

"I have no favor to ask," said Black quietly. "I have no favor to ask any one in the world! I am prime minister of England, but I am editor of the Morning Chronicle, and I would not change places with the proudest man in England—not even, my lord, with you."

## A Pitch Lake.

Trinidad, an island in the south Atlantic opposite the mouth of the Orinoco, is famous for its pitch. There are districts where there is pitch everywhere. The beach is pitch, and so are the "reefs," some of which have been carried off to supply Paris and New York with tar pavements. At La Brea pineapples grow to perfection in a brown soil which is half pitch. But the wonder of the island is the pitch lake a mile and a half in circumference. As it lies glittering in the sun it looks like a vast bed of monstrous mushrooms, all black and of all kinds of shape and size, some measuring as much as fifty feet across. The space between these unlovely objects is filled with oily water. In parts of the lake the pitch is quite liquid, and the ground all round is full of pitch and coaly stuff to a depth of hundreds of feet.

## The Geisha.

"Geisha," the professional girl entertainer of Japan, is by no means to be confounded with "geinin," says Japan and America. The word geisha really means actor, "gei" meaning a play or entertainment of any sort, and "sha" means a person. For instance, i-sha means physician, and so on. The word really means what "actor" does in English, but it has come to mean only those girls in Japan who are trained to entertain by dancing and singing to the shamisen and koto, the usual musical instruments for light entertainments, and they also are trained to converse agreeably on topics of the day. "Geinin," on the other hand, while it really means the same thing as geisha, has now come to be applied to artists, in a higher sense.

## HUMOR OF THE HOUR

### Its Own Reward.

"George," said Mrs. Ferguson, "I want you to oil the hinges of the bedroom door. I'm awfully tired of hearing them creak."

"Laura," replied Mr. Ferguson, "I would do almost anything to oblige you, but I'll be everlastingly rib roasted if I'm going to take the trouble to oil any door hinges at this time of night."

Mark now the result of his procrastination.

In the dead of night—that same night—a burglar, who had gained entrance to the house through a basement window, crept softly up the stairway, approached that bedroom door and pushed it open.

It gave a loud creak like the wailing of a lost soul.

The historian hopes it is not really necessary to add that the burglar went down that stairway in two jumps, was out of the house before George Ferguson had succeeded in finding his revolver and that the hinges of that bedroom door are still unoiled.—Chicago Tribune.

### All That He Knew About.

He had called upon his son at college.

"Did John show you everything of interest there?" his wife inquired when he returned.

"He said he did."

"What did he show you?"

"The gymnasium, the football field, the baseball diamond, the bathhouses and the training quarters for the crew."—Chicago Post.

### A Fatal Dilemma.



Pa-What! You answer me back, you young ruffian! I'll show you!



Ma-You won't answer me, won't you? I'll teach you!

### Willing Gift to the Poor.

Towne-Brang seems to be a charitable fellow, after all. He was telling me that a poor woman stopped him on the street yesterday and told him tearfully that her children were almost perishing with cold, and she had nothing to make a fire with. He says he attended to her wants immediately.

Browne-Yes, I saw that act of kindness. He gave her a match.—Philadelphia Press.

### Cruel.

"I am willing to leave my work to posterity," said the ambitious author. "Well," answered the cold blooded publisher, "you are running great risks. Posterity isn't going to read any of the expensive and misleading eulogies of your work that my advertising department is getting out."—Washington Star.

### An Irishman's View.

"Are you looking for trouble?" demanded the angry man.

"No," replied the Irishman, "only for pleasure."

"You seem to want a fight?"

"That's what I said," returned the Irishman.—Chicago Post.

### More Work For Them.

"Well," said the hollow eyed man, "I am glad the soldiers will leave the coal mining regions."

"Why?" asked the other.

"Because they will be needed to save human life at the football games."—Chicago Tribune.

### Cynical.

"Faint heart never won fair lady," quoted the married man.

"Quite true," replied the confirmed bachelor, "and that proves that even a faint heart is not an unmitigated evil."

—New York Herald.

### Responsibility.

Strappes—Five pounds for a bonnet! Madam, it is a crime!

Mrs. S.—Well, the crime will be on my own head.—Glasgow Evening Times.

### The Mantle of Charity.

I ain't criticizin' the feller that makes A little bit more than his share of mistakes.

Your sight, when you look at yourself, may be dim.

An' how kin I be downright sure I ain't him?

He's a long way from doin' as well as the rest.

But let's give him credit for doin' his best.

When a feller goes wrong, as some good fellers do,

There ain't no occasion fur me or fur you

To jump in a-helin' to stir up the muss;

He'll git punished, all right, without no help from us.

It's hard luck his morals warn't proof 'gainst the test,

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—Washington Star.

### The Merry Wag.

Butkins—I don't know that you ever met my wife?

Wisbin—Can't say that I ever met her, but I have seen her many times. By the way, saw her kissing a man on your back stoop t'other evening.

Butkins—Saw my wife kissing a man? What do you mean by such a story as that?

Wisbin—Just what I say, that's all.

Butkins—You actually mean it? If I only knew who the rascal was, I'd—

Wisbin—Don't get excited. It was you, of course. Supposed you'd know that at once.—Boston Transcript.

### What He Sold.

One of the witnesses in a case in a Dublin court was asked, "Did you sell Major Studdert a horse?" "No, sor."

"Did your father sell Major Studdert a horse?" "No, sor."

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"Well, then, did any member of your family sell Major Studdert anything?" "Yes, sor."

"Who did, then?" "I did, sor."

"And what did you sell Major Studdert?" "I sold him a mare, sor."

The counsel sat down, and the court roared.

### Fellatious.

Barber—How's the razor, sir?

Customer—Didn't know I was being shaved.

Barber (glattered)—Very glad, I'm sure, sir.

Customer—I thought I was being sandpapered.—London Pick-Me-Up.

### Changed From Her Former State.

"She's not as pensive as she was before you married her."

"No; she's expensive now."—Indianapolis News.

With the exception of the British parliament, the Swedish riksdag is the oldest of the existing legislative bodies.

### No Excuse.

December soon will pass away; A few more months, and then 'tis May. So wherefore sigh or shed a tear? Since love and roses are so near? —Washington Star.

### Between Friends.

Clara—Charlie complimented my complexion last night.

Maude—Sort of a powder puff, eh?—San Francisco Chronicle.

### His Harvest.

He's old; no longer people bow; He's baggard, wan and needy; In youth he "sowed his wild oats;" now In age he's looking "seedy." —Baltimore Herald.

### One Thing Lacking.

Maude—Which would you rather be, rich or handsome?

Clara—Well, I'd like to be rich also.—New York Journal.

### Which?

He told his tale of love to her; Another tale that burned With love he sent the editor; One only was returned. —Buffalo News.

### A Numerical Change.

"I see you have given up your old quarters."

"Why, yes. I've found a better half." —Philadelphia Ledger.

### Astonished.

A mighty speech he paused to frame And zealously displayed it. And yet the world went on the same As if he'd never made it. —Boston Herald.

### After the High Wind.

"Do you believe in signs?"

"Not when they are insecurely fastened."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### Weights and Means.

Here is a simple problem, yet 'Tis hard to answer right: How can a ton of coal so dark Turn out so very light? —Chicago News.

### Just Think of It!

If men were all, say, six feet tall And trees were only two, I don't see how the men could climb The trees at all, do you? —Baltimore News.

### Literally So.

Editor—Was Longwynde's sermon exhaustive?

Reporter—Exhaustive? You never saw an audience so nearly worn out in your life.—Los Angeles Herald.

Minnesota Labor Organizations.

St. Paul, Dec. 16.—There are 28,338 members connected with the labor organizations in Minnesota, an increase of 12,958 in the last two years. Labor Commissioner O'Donnell has completed his report as to the number of labor organizations in the state, and finds there are 297.

Ladies half fare any afternoon.

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## MEAT FIT DIET FOR ARMIES

English Expert Says Our Feeding Makes Americans Best Soldiers.

Nathaniel E. Yorke-Davies, London's famous consulting physician in dietetics, has forwarded to Secretaries Root and Long and Generals Miles and Corbin a statement containing his conclusions as to the proper feeding for fighting men. Speaking to the Chicago Daily News London correspondent the other day, Dr. Yorke-Davies said:

"Wars have been lost and won by commissary departments. The fate of peoples in civil conflict depends on the character of the food they eat. Soldiers and sailors in this country (England) at present get too much bread and too little meat. The military successes of the ancient Greeks were due to their fare, which consisted of plain meats and almost nothing else. Much of England's trouble in South Africa was the result of diet. The transports landed the soldiers on the battlefield overfat from the consumption of starch. Rich food makes men effeminate and cowardly. Animal food makes them courageous and hardy. America's army is the best in the world because its feeding is more nearly right than that of any other nation. Russia comes next, England is third, Germany is fourth and France a bad fifth. The soldier, especially the growing soldier, should have one pound of meat each day in peace and an extra quarter of a pound during war."

### AVOIDS NEW BOOKS.

Herbert Spencer Has Not Read One of This Year's Product.

The London academy has put its annual question, "What two books in the past year have you read with the most interest and pleasure?" and Herbert Spencer, says the Chicago Inter Ocean, answers, "I have not read any new books this year."

Some of the other answers are as follows: Professor Skeat of Cambridge university: "I have not read any new books this year. I have quite enough to do to read the old ones."

Thomas Hardy names Margaret L. Woods' "Princess of Hanover" as one. Edmund Gosse selects James' "Wings of the Dove," and Frederic Harrison picks out Stephen Phillips' "Ulysses."

### Odd Adventure With a Cat.

Mrs. Alexander Downey of the village of Galesburg, near Niles, Mich., was preparing to attend an entertainment the other evening and was nearly ready, only waiting the return of her husband, who was to accompany her, when she opened a closet door, and the family cat sprang from a shelf and alighted upon her head. Its claws became entangled in Mrs. Downey's hair, and upon his return Mr. Downey found his wife unconscious on the floor, while the cat was struggling furiously to release itself. It was found necessary to chloroform the animal so as to release Mrs. Downey, who was not seriously injured.

### Novel Fishing Lure.

In France a novel method of catching fish is being tested by anglers. A tiny mirror is attached to the line near the baited hook. The assumption is that a fish, when it sees itself in a glass, will conclude that some other fish is trying to carry off the bait and will make haste to secure the tempting morsel itself, the result being that it will speedily be caught on the relentless hook. From experiments which have been made there seems to be some foundation for this assumption. At any rate, some anglers say that they catch more fish when they use the little mirror than they ever caught before.

### Latest Hygienic Fad.

A society has been formed in Manchester, England, the members of which eschew the morning meal. The nonbreakfasters contend that breakfast retards activity of both mind and body and is a fertile cause of indigestion, dyspepsia and like ailments.

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## HUMOR OF THE HOUR

### Its Own Reward.

"George," said Mrs. Ferguson, "I want you to oil the hinges of the bedroom door. I'm awfully tired of hearing them creak."

"Laura," replied Mr. Ferguson, "I would do almost anything to oblige you, but I'll be everlastingly rib roasted if I'm going to take the trouble to oil any door hinges at this time of night!"

Mark now the result of his procrastination. In the dead of night—that same night—a burglar, who had gained entrance to the house through a basement window, crept softly up the stairway, approached that bedroom door and pushed it open.

It gave a loud creak like the wailing of a lost soul. The historian hopes it is not really necessary to add that the burglar went down that stairway in two jumps, was out of the house before George Ferguson had succeeded in finding his revolver and that the hinges of that bedroom door are still unoiled.—Chicago Tribune.

### All That He Knew About.

He had called upon his son at college.

"Did John show you everything of interest there?" his wife inquired when he returned.

"He said he did."

"What did he show you?"

"The gymnasium, the football field, the baseball diamond, the bathhouses and the training quarters for the crew."—Chicago Post.

### A Fatal Dilemma.



Pa—What! You answer me back, you young ruffian! I'll show you!



Ma—You won't answer me, won't you? I'll teach you!

### Willing Gift to the Poor.

Towne—Bragg seems to be a charitable fellow, after all. He was telling me that a poor woman stopped him on the street yesterday and told him tearfully that her children were almost perishing with cold, and she had nothing to make a fire with. He says he attended to her wants immediately.

Browne—Yes, I saw that act of kindness. He gave her a match.—Philadelphia Press.

### Cruel.

"I am willing to leave my work to posterity," said the ambitious author. "Well," answered the cold blooded publisher, "you are running great risks. Posterity isn't going to read any of your expensive and misleading eulogies of your work that my advertising department is getting out."—Washington Star.

### An Irishman's View.

"Are you looking for trouble?" demanded the angry man.

"No," replied the Irishman, "only for pleasure."

"You seem to want a fight?"

"That's what I said," returned the Irishman.—Chicago Post.

### More Work For Them.

"Well," said the hollow eyed man, "I am glad the soldiers will leave the coal mining regions."

"Why?" asked the other.

"Because they will be needed to save human life at the football games."—Chicago Tribune.

### Cynical.

"Faint heart never won fair lady," quoted the married man.

"Quite true," replied the confirmed bachelor, "and that proves that even a faint heart is not an unmitigated evil."—New York Herald.

### Responsibility.

Strappes—Five pounds for a bonnet!

Madam, it is a crime!

Mrs. S.—Well, the crime will be on my own head.—Glasgow Evening Times.

### The Mantle of Charity.

I ain't criticin' the feller that makes a little bit more than his share of mistakes.

Your sight, when you look at yourself, may be dim,

An' how kin I be downright sure I ain't him?

He's a long way from doin' as well as the best.

But let's give him credit for doin' his best.

When a feller goes wrong, as some good fellers do,

There ain't no occasion fur me or fur you

To jump in a-hel'p in' to stir up the muss;

He'll git punished, all right, without no help from us,

It's hard luck his morals warn't proof 'gainst the test,

But let's give him credit fur doin' his best.

—Washington Star.

### The Merry Wag.

Butkins—I don't know that you ever met my wife?

Wislin—Can't say that I ever met her, but I have seen her many times.

By the way, saw her kissing a man on your back stoop 'tother evening.

Butkins—Saw my wife kissing a man? What do you mean by such a story as that?

Wislin—Just what I say, that's all.

Butkins—You actually mean it? If I only knew who the rascal was, I'd—

Wislin—Don't get excited. It was you, of course. Supposed you'd know that at once.—Boston Transcript.

### What He Sold.

One of the witnesses in a case in a Dublin court was asked, "Did you sell Major Studdert a horse?" "No, sor."

"Did your father sell Major Studdert a horse?" "No, sor."

"Did your grandfather sell him a horse?" "No, sor."

"Well, then, did any member of your family sell Major Studdert anything?" "Yes, sor."

"Who did, then?" "I did, sor."

"And what did you sell Major Studdert?" "I sold him a mare, sor."

The counsel sat down, and the court roared.

### Felicitous.

Barber—How's the razor, sir?

Customer—Didn't know I was being shaved.

Barber (flattered)—Very glad, I'm sure, sir.

Customer—I thought I was being shaved and paped.—London Pick-Me-Up.

### Changed From Her Former State.

"She's not as pensive as she was before you married her."

"No; she's expensive now."—Indianapolis News.

With the exception of the British parliament, the Swedish riksdag is the oldest of the existing legislative bodies.

### No Excuse.

December soon will pass away;  
A few more months, and then 'tis May.

So, wherefore sigh or shed a tear  
Since love and roses are so near?

—Washington Star.

### Between Friends.

Clara—Charlie complimented my complexion last night.

Maude—Sort of a powder puff, eh?—San Francisco Chronicle.

### His Harvest.

He's old; no longer people bow;  
He's baggard, wan and needy;

In youth he "sowed his wild oats;" now  
In age he's looking "sleazy."

—Baltimore Herald.

### One Thing Lacking.

Maude—Which would you rather be, rich or handsome?

Clara—Well, I'd like to be rich also.—New York Journal.

### Which?

He told his tale of love to her;  
Another tale that burned

With love he sent the editor;  
One only was returned.

—Buffalo News.

### A Numerical Change.

"I see you have given up your old quarters."

"Why, yes. I've found a better half."—Philadelphia Ledger.

### Astonished.

A mighty speech he paused to frame  
And zealously displayed it.

And yet the world went on the same  
As if he'd never made it.

—Boston Herald.

### After the High Wind.

"Do you believe in signs?"

"Not when they are insecurely fastened."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### Weights and Means.

Here is a simple problem, yet  
'Tis hard to answer right:

How can a ton of coal so dark  
Turn out so very light?

—Chicago News.

### Just Think of It!

If men were all, say, six feet tall  
And trees were only two,

I don't see how the men could climb  
The trees at all, do you?

—Baltimore News.

### Literally So.

Editor—Was Longwynde's sermon exhaustive?

Reporter—Exhaustive? You never saw an audience so nearly worn out in your life.—Los Angeles Herald.

### Minnesota Labor Organizations.

St. Paul, Dec. 16.—There are 28,338 members connected with the labor organizations in Minnesota, an increase of 12,958 in the last two years.

Labor Commissioner O'Donnell has completed his report as to the number of labor organizations in the state, and finds there are 297.

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## MUSIC AND DRAMA.

"CHASE-LISTER COMPANY."

The Chase-Lister company were seen last night at the Brainerd opera house in, "The Sea of Ice" and there was a fairly good audience out. The company gave a very pleasing performance which seemed to take with the audience very much, the actors at intervals being greeted with rounds of applause. The Chase-Lister company, when one thinks it over, gives more for the money than any other repertoire company on the road. They aim to put on some pleasing productions in a creditable manner and during each evening give specialties which taken collectively would make a good night of vaudeville in itself. The specialties of the Thebus Brothers and Clint and Bessie Robbins are par excellence. The Robbins last night appeared in an entirely new specialty in which there was the shifting of the scene once. They engaged in interesting repartee and finally wound up with a turn in song and dance which was indeed very clever.

"On The Chesapeake," the play selected by the Chase-Lister company for their performance this evening, is termed a picturesque melo-drama and should be well handled by the various members of this very excellent company. All new specialties will be introduced between the acts. —Mr. and Mrs. Robbins turn being a novelty here. Tomorrow night Alexander Dumas' powerful drama, "Monte Cristo" will be given a fine production by this company. Prices have not been advanced but will remain at only 25, 35 and 50c. Seats may be had any time at Dunn's drug store.

The fairy tale "Cinderella" which will be given for the matinee Saturday at 2:30 should attract a large audience of women and children. Prices 10 and 25c.

### "JESSIE JAMES"

"Jesse James, the Bandit King," which will be presented at the opera house soon, has received the praise of the press in all parts of the country. Mr. Jack Hoefler, the manager, is a man of wide experience, having four companies on the road at the present time and his success has been due largely to the way he has staged his many productions. The scenic effects in the "Jesse James" production are furnished by Buhler & Mann of Chicago. The play is full of comedy from start to finish and there is not a dull moment in the full two and a half hours of entertainment.

### "THE DEVIL'S AUCTION."

Chas. H. Yale's great spectacular production, "The Devil's Auction" will be presented at the Brainerd opera house, Saturday evening, Dec. 27, with its wealth of scenery and dazzling electrical effects.

### Saved at Grave's Brink.

"I know I would long ago have been in my grave," writes Mrs. S. H. Newsom, of Decatur Ala., "if it had not been for Electric Bitters. For three years I suffered untold agony from the worst forms of indigestion, waterbrash, stomach and bowel dyspepsia. But this excellent medicine did me a world of good. Since using it I can eat heartily and have gained 35 pounds." For indigestion, loss of appetite, stomach, liver and kidney troubles Electric Bitters are a positive, guaranteed cure. Only 50c at McFadden Drug Co. and H. P. Dunn & Co. drug store.

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## DE WET'S WAR STORY.

Extracts From Boer Leader's Book on the Transvaal Struggle.

Perhaps the most significant statement in General Christian Rudolf De Wet's "Three Years' War," the title given by the author to his book on the Boer war, published recently by Charles Scribner's Sons, is the declaration that from the very outset of the war and all through the hard fought struggle the Boers knew they were fighting in vain, says the New York Mail and Express. They knew their cause was lost, but fought as God fearing patriots until every resource was exhausted.

He describes Cronje as an "intrepid hero," but declares he was too obstinate to abandon his position when trapped in the laager near Paardeburg by Lord Roberts. His capture is characterized as the catastrophe of the war, in that its disheartening effect on the burghers was felt throughout the war.

Kruger is referred to as "the statesman grown gray in his country's service," and Gladstone as the "greatest and noblest of English statesmen." General De Wet calls upon God to witness that independence was all that was asked of the British government on March 5, 1900, and Lord Salisbury is accused of misrepresenting the facts. General De Wet complains bitterly of British breach of faith, but declares that the result was not all favorable to the "invaders." He cites the promises given General Prinsloo and his men when they surrendered, safety of property and permission to return unmolested to their farms being guaranteed. Instead of this the prisoners were deported to Ceylon, and old people were levied on for hundreds of pounds because British railroad property was destroyed in their neighborhood.

As a result of this, he says, 3,000 paroled Boers took up arms again and fought to the end of the war. He describes Lord Roberts as his (De Wet's) best recruiting sergeant because of his frequent breaches of faith.

General De Wet's state of mind throughout the war and after it is expressed by a sentence in the book: "Everything is as it must be, and unless one is a sluggish one has no reason to complain."

### BOWEN'S PLUCKY STAND.

How Our Minister to Venezuela Defied a Mob.

Herbert Wolcott Bowen, American minister to Venezuela, has been qualified by twelve years in the diplomatic service of the nation and experience in trying circumstances for any contingencies which may arise at Caracas. He went to his post there in the summer of 1901, succeeding Francis B. Loomis, who went to Portugal, but whose policy was carried out by his successor. Minister Bowen went to Venezuela from Persia, where he had been minister for two years, having been appointed in 1899 to succeed his brother-in-law, Arthur Sherburne Hardy, the novelist, who went to Athens as minister.

But it was in Spain, before the outbreak of hostilities between that country and the United States, that Minister Bowen gained the especial experience which will stand him in good stead in the Venezuela imbroglio. He first went to that country in 1890, being appointed consul at Barcelona by President Harrison. In 1895 President Cleveland made him consul general. Barcelona was the scene of manifestations of hostility toward the United States in March, 1896. The feeling was aroused by the passage by the senate of the Morgan resolution which recognized the Cuban insurgents. A mob of several thousand persons gathered in front of the United States consulate in Barcelona and with shouts and exhortations demanded the destruction of the building and the death of the occupants. Consul General Bowen appeared at the entrance and defied the mob, which dispersed in a short time without harming any one and doing little damage to the edifice.

### All to Be "Cannonized."

Speaker Henderson was recalling a last session anecdote about an Iowa constituent who wrote asking for copies of the Congressional Record containing obituaries and adding ingeniously that nothing pleased him more than to read "obituaries of dead congressmen," says a Washington dispatch to the New York Tribune. "Your constituent ought to be in ecstasy next session," remarked Littlefield of Maine, "for the whole house is to be Cannonized."

### New War Fund.

It has just been discovered that there exists at Rapperswil, Switzerland, a fund consisting of nearly \$50,000, which has been subscribed by Poles in various parts of the world for the purpose of waging war on Russia when a propitious time shall arrive.

### Snow Ag'in th' Winder.

When th' lights has blinked an' vanished  
An' yer now-I-lay-me's said,  
When they's silence all around ye,  
Ceptin' when some hurried tread  
Out of doors melts in th' distance  
An' th' wind mourns overhead,  
Then's th' coziest time that ever,  
Though it holds a hint of dread,  
When they's snow ag'in th' winder  
An' ye're snuggled down in bed.

Bare ole branches bend an' shiver,  
Whimperin' 'cause th' summer's dead,  
What's that thumpin'? It's th' rattlin'  
Of th' down sprout 'ginst th' shed.  
Mighty good I know th' hosses  
An' th' cattle's housed an' fed,  
For th' wind's a-kittin' madder,  
An' th' storm king's raisin' Ned  
When they's snow ag'in th' winder  
An' ye're snuggled down in bed.

Sandman comes an' finds ye wonderin'  
If when gloomy night has fled,  
They'll be still enough snow stickin'  
For t' let ye use yer sled.  
Or if folks must go a-spatterin'  
Through th' sloppy slush instead,  
Then ye go t' sleep recallin'  
All th' hizzard tales ye've read.  
When they's snow ag'in th' winder  
An' ye're snuggled down in bed.  
—Baltimore American.

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A small, straight incision is first made in the flesh. The little scoop is then used to remove a small portion of the underlying fat, while the sewing together with the needle the edges of the cut completes the operation. In a day or two the stitches are taken out, within a week the wound being usually entirely healed, leaving the becoming little depression in the surface of the skin that is called a dimple.

It is not often that a woman desires the removal of a natural dimple, but occasionally a man who considers the mark to be a badge of femininity desires to get rid of it. Instead of removing the superfluous fat from beneath the surface, a small portion of the skin is cut away. The edges of the dimple are drawn together with stitches, the incision heals and the depression disappears.

### Fighting Lizards.

The ring necked lizard of the Arizona deserts is not a mere devourer of weaklings. He is always ready to fight, whether he is challenged by another or cornered by a man. When brought to bay in some hole, he opens his jaws and dashes bravely out, snapping at everything which opposes him, and so fierce and sudden is his rush that it is impossible to face it without flinching. By holding two of these lizards loosely by the snout of the back and allowing their heads to clash as they struggle to escape, one may be able to induce combats such as must occur every day in the desperate lizard world.

Forgetting that they were captives, they would seize upon each other and vent their thwarted rage to the utmost in a fight which, but for timely interference, would doubtless lead to the death of one or the other. Such bulldog pugnacity is rather unlooked for in lizards, but a student of character could easily read in the set jaw and pouched throat of this species the signs of fighting blood.—Country Life in America.

### Billiard Terms.

"What are the principal shots in billiards?" asked the fair young damsel of the wise young man. "The kiss, the follow, the bank and the draw," he replied. "How lovely!" she exclaimed. "It is almost like a courtship. First, the lover gets a kiss, then he follows the girl all about and then?"

"And then," interrupts the man who aspires to pessimism—"and then they get married and he goes to the bank and draws, for that is his cue, unless he wishes to be frozen." (For the benefit of the unsuspecting reader, adds the Baltimore American, we will state that "cue" and "frozen" also are billiard terms. There are still more than might be worked into the little jeu d'esprit, such as "scratch," "break," "drive," "tip," "table," "run," etc., but lack of space prevents carrying the theme to the bitter end.)

### Minute Parts of a Watch.

The minuteness of the parts of a watch is shown by the following figures: It takes 150,000 of one certain kind of watch screws to make a pound. The pivot of the balance wheel is only one-two-hundredths of an inch in diameter. Each jewel hole into a pivot fits is about one-five-thousandths of an inch larger than the pivot, to permit sufficient play. The finest screw for a small sized watch has a thread of 260 to the inch and weighs one-one-hundred-and-thirty-thousandths of a pound. A pallet jewel weighs one-hundred-and-fifty-thousandths of a pound; a roller jewel a little more than one-two-hundred-and-fifty-six-thousandths. The largest round hair spring stud is four-one-hundredths of an inch in diameter and about nine one-hundredths of an inch in length.

### Choked Him Off.

Kraft—the boss has promised to give me a rise in my salary next week. Newitt—Sorry, old man, but I can't lend you anything.

Belief that there are as good fish in the sea as ever caught is poor consolation to the man whose bait is gone.

### An Ambidextrous Artist.

Conrad Cook, son of E. W. Cook, R. A., told me that he used to hold the paper while Landseer drew one animal with his right hand, and a different animal with his left, writes J. A. Manson in "Sir Edwin Landseer, R. A." This species of dexterity comes from practice no doubt, and is akin to the adroit manipulation of the accomplished pianist, but is nevertheless extraordinary, and several cases are recorded in which Sir Edwin fairly astounded the onlookers by such displays of manual skill.

### A Lesson With His Autograph.

An admirer once wrote to Lowell describing his autograph collection and concluding with the remark, "I would be much obliged for your autograph." The reply came, bearing with it a lesson on the correct use of the words "would" and "should," which deeply impressed itself on the mind of the recipient. The response read:

"Pray, do not say hereafter, 'I would be obliged.' If you would be obliged, be obliged and be done with it. Say, 'I should be obliged,' and oblige yours truly. JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL.

### No Cause For Worry.

Elderly Fiance—I hope you are not impressed by the silly sentimentalists who hold that because you've married once you ought not to marry again! Pretty Widow—Don't let that worry you, dear; I've no such prejudice. My own dear mother was married three times, and I only hope that in all things I may follow her example.

### CHOICE FEEDERS.

They Are Indicated by General Form, Quality and Constitution.

If the animals in one grade of stockers and feeders are more uniform than in the others, it is in the choice grade. It may be said that we demand in choice stockers and feeders, first, the ability to finish as choice or prime steers, and, second, the ability to make economical gains in flesh and fat, and we look for indications of these tendencies in the form, quality and constitution. The general form should be low set, deep, broad and compact rather than high up, gaunt, narrow and loosely made. Stockers and feeders should be low set or on short legs, because animals of this conformation are almost invariably good feeders and capable of early maturity. They should be deep, broad and compact because this conformation indicates good constitution, capacity for growth and for producing ultimately a relatively high percentage of the most valuable cuts. Select feeders with broad, flat backs and long, level rumps. They should possess straight top and underlines which should be nearly parallel; should be low at the flanks, thus forming good depth, for the barrel of stockers and feeders as well as dairy cows should be roomy. An animal which is too paunchy, however, is objectionable to the butcher. The matter of low flanks should be emphasized, as it is an almost unfailing sign of good constitution and good feeding quality. It should be borne in mind that the stocker and feeder, thin in flesh and largely destitute of external or surface fat, affords the best possible opportunity of determining the covering of natural flesh characteristic of the animal.

### Smooth Outline and Mild Eye.

Secure as much smoothness of outline as is consistent with low flesh, being especially careful to avoid too great prominence in hips, tail head and shoulders. Avoid rough, open shoulders, sway backs and large, coarse heads with small eyes set in the side of the head. Short, broad heads and short, thick necks indicate strong tendencies toward beefmaking. A large, prominent and mild eye is to be desired. The mild eye denotes that the animal has a quiet disposition, which all feeders know is so desirable in a steer intended for the feed lot. The distance between eye and horn should be short, and the horn should be flat and of medium fineness rather than round and coarse. The lower jaw should be heavily coated with muscle. The muzzle, lips and mouth should be large, but not coarse.

### Good General Quality.

It is well to distinguish between what might be called general quality and handling quality. By general quality is meant general refinement of

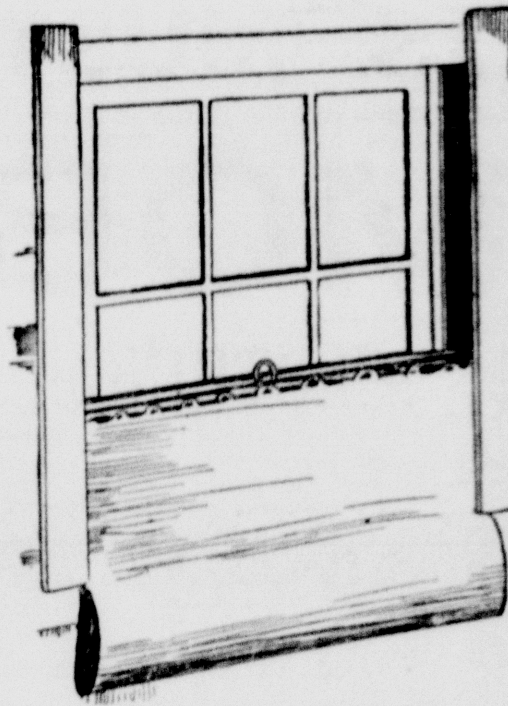
external conformation as seen in the head, horn, bone, compactness and smoothness of outline. General quality is affected by nothing so much as by breeding. Good quality is seldom found in a plainly bred steer, but is generally characteristic of a well bred animal. While it is a characteristic that involves many points and is difficult to describe, it is this characteristic more than any other that we depend upon as indicating that the animal has within it the possibility of making a prime steer.

### Desirable Handling Quality.

Good handling quality indicates that the possessor is a good feeder. It shows that the animal is in good health or thrift and capable of beginning to gain as soon as an abundance of food is supplied. We speak of cattle as possessing good handling quality when the skin is mellow and loose. A thick, mossy coat of hair of medium fineness and a moderately thick skin are desirable.—H. W. Mumford, Illinois Experiment Station.

### Poultry House Window.

Henhouses are cold at night in winter because of loose windows and because glass quickly radiates heat. The curtain shown in the cut obviates both difficulties. It stops drafts and prevents radiation. It is made to slide be-



WINDOW CURTAIN.

nenth side pieces, since this keeps air from leaking in at the edges of the curtain. It hangs down below the window during the day and at night is raised to the hook above the window. Use closely woven burlap and nail a lath at the top to hold the ring and to keep the upper edge close to the window casing.—American Agriculturist.

### Apples Wrapped For Long Keeping.

Indications from experiment at the New Hampshire experiment station are that for long keeping of apples wrapping is of decided advantage. Light and heavy waxed paper, tissue paper and newspaper were used for wrapping, and there was but little difference in their effectiveness, newspaper being practically as effective as the more expensive kinds.

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## MUSIC AND DRAMA.

### "CHASE-LISTER COMPANY."

The Chase-Lister company were seen last night at the Brainerd opera house in, "The Sea of Ice" and there was a fairly good audience out. The company gave a very pleasing performance which seemed to take with the audience very much, the actors at intervals being greeted with rounds of applause. The Chase-Lister company, when one thinks it over, gives more for the money than any other repertoire company on the road. They aim to put on some pleasing productions in a creditable manner and during each evening give specialties which taken collectively would make a good night of vaudeville in itself. The specialties of the Thebus Brothers and Clint and Bessie Robbins are par excellence. The Robbins last night appeared in an entirely new specialty in which there was the shifting of the scene once. They engaged in interesting repartee and finally wound up with a turn in song and dance which was indeed very clever.

"On The Chesapeake," the play selected by the Chase-Lister company for their performance this evening, is termed a picturesque melo-drama and should be well handled by the various members of this very excellent company. All new specialties will be introduced between the acts. — Mr. and Mrs. Robbins turn being a novelty here. Tomorrow night Alexander Dumas' powerful drama, "Monte Cristo" will be given a fine production by this company. Prices have not been advanced but will remain at only 25, 35 and 50c. Seats may be had any time at Dunn's drug store.

The fairy tale "Cinderella" which will be given for the matinee Saturday at 2:30 should attract a large audience of women and children. Prices 10 and 25c.

### "JESSIE JAMES"

"Jesse James, the Bandit King," which will be presented at the opera house soon, has received the praise of the press in all parts of the country.

Mr. Jack Hoeffler, the manager, is a man of wide experience, having four companies on the road at the present time and his success has been due largely to the way he has staged his many productions. The scenic effects in the "Jesse James" production are furnished by Buhler & Mann of Chicago. The play is full of comedy from start to finish and there is not a dull moment in the full two and a half hours of entertainment.

### "THE DEVIL'S AUCTION."

Chas. H. Yale's great spectacular production, "The Devil's Auction" will be presented at the Brainerd opera house, Saturday evening, Dec. 27, with its wealth of scenery and dazzling electrical effects.

### Saved at Grave's Brink.

"I know I would long ago have been in my grave," writes Mrs. S. H. Newsom, of Decatur Ala., "if it had not been for Electric Bitters. For three years I suffered untold agony from the worst forms of indigestion, waterbrash, stomach and bowel dyspepsia. But this excellent medicine did me a world of good. Since using it I can eat heartily and have gained 35 pounds." For indigestion, loss of appetite, stomach, liver and kidney troubles Electric Bitters are a positive, guaranteed cure. Only 50c at McFadden Drug Co. and H. P. Dunn & Co. drug store.

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## DE WET'S WAR STORY.

### Extracts From Boer Leader's Book on the Transvaal Struggle.

Perhaps the most significant statement in General Christian Rudolf De Wet's "Three Years' War," the title given by the author to his book on the Boer war, published recently by Charles Scribner's Sons, is the declaration that from the very outset of the war and all through the hard fought struggle the Boers knew they were fighting in vain, says the New York Mail and Express. They knew their cause was lost, but fought as God fearing patriots until every resource was exhausted.

He describes Cronje as an "intrepid hero," but declares he was too obstinate to abandon his position when trapped in the laager near Paardeburg by Lord Roberts. His capture is characterized as the catastrophe of the war, in that its disheartening effect on the burghers was felt throughout the war.

Kruger is referred to as "the statesman grown gray in his country's service," and Gladstone as the "greatest and noblest of English statesmen." General De Wet calls upon God to witness that independence was all that was asked of the British government on March 5, 1900, and Lord Salisbury is accused of misrepresenting the facts.

General De Wet complains bitterly of British breach of faith, but declares that the result was not all favorable to the "invaders." He cites the promises given General Paardeburg and his men when they surrendered, safety of property and permission to return unmolested to their farms being guaranteed. Instead of this the prisoners were deported to Ceylon, and old people were left on for hundreds of pounds because British railroad property was destroyed in their neighborhood.

As a result of this, he says, 3,000 paroled Boers took up arms again and fought to the end of the war. He describes Lord Roberts as his (De Wet's) best recruiting sergeant because of his frequent breaches of faith.

General De Wet's state of mind throughout the war and after it is expressed by a sentence in the book: "Everything is as it must be, and unless one is a sluggard one has no reason to complain."

### BOWEN'S PLUCKY STAND.

#### How Our Minister to Venezuela Defied a Mob.

Herbert Walcott Bowen, American minister to Venezuela, has been qualified by twelve years in the diplomatic service of the nation and experience in trying circumstances for any contingencies which may arise at Caracas. He went to his post there in the summer of 1901, succeeding Francis B. Loomis, who went to Portugal, but whose policy was carried out by his successor. Minister Bowen went to Venezuela from Persia, where he had been minister for two years, having been appointed in 1899 to succeed his brother-in-law, Arthur Sherburne Hardy, the novelist, who went to Athens as minister. But it was in Spain, before the outbreak of hostilities between that country and the United States, that Minister Bowen gained the especial experience which will stand him in good stead in the Venezuela imbroglio. He first went to that country in 1890, being appointed consul at Barcelona by President Harrison. In 1895 President Cleveland made him consul general at Barcelona where he witnessed manifestations of hostility toward the United States in March, 1896. The feeling was aroused by the passage by the senate of the Morgan resolution which recognized the Cuban insurgents. A mob of several thousand persons gathered in front of the United States consulate in Barcelona and with shouts and execrations demanded the destruction of the building and the death of the occupants. Consul General Bowen appeared at the entrance and defied the mob, which dispersed in a short time without harming any one and doing little damage to the edifice.

### All to Be "Cannonized."

Speaker Henderson was recalling a last session anecdote about an Iowa constituent who wrote asking for copies of the Congressional Record containing obituaries and adding ingeniously that although pleased him more than to read "obituaries of dead congressmen," says a Washington dispatch to the New York Tribune. "Your constituent ought to be in ecstasy next session," remarked Littlefield of Maine, "for the whole house is to be Cannonized."

### New War Fund.

It has just been discovered that there exists at Rapperswyl, Switzerland, a fund consisting of nearly \$50,000, which has been subscribed by Poles in various parts of the world for the purpose of waging war on Russia when a propitious time shall arrive.

### Snow Ag'in th' Winder.

When th' lights has blinked an' vanished  
An' yer now I lay me's said,  
When they's silence all around ye,  
"Captn' when some hurried tread  
Out of doors melts in th' distance  
An' th' wind moans over head  
Then's th' coldest time that ever,  
Though it holds a hint of dread,  
When they's snow ag'in th' winder  
An' yer snuggled down in bed.

Bare ole branches bend an' shiver,  
Whimperin' 'cause th' summer's dead,  
What's that thumpin'? It's th' rattle  
Of th' down sprout 'gainst th' shed.  
Mighty good t' know th' hosses  
An' th' cattle's housed an' fed,  
For th' wind's ag'in' madder  
An' th' storm king's raisin' Ned  
When they's snow ag'in th' winder  
An' yer snuggled down in bed.

Sandman comes an' finds ye wonderin'  
If when gloomy night has fled,  
If he's still enough snow stickin'  
For t' let ye see yer sled,  
Or if folks must go a-spaterrin'  
Through th' sloppy slush instead,  
Then ye go t' sleep recallin'  
All th' blizzards takes ye've read,  
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A small, straight incision is first made in the flesh. The little scoop is then used to remove a small portion of the underlying fat, while the sewing together with the needle the edges of the cut completes the operation. In a day or two the stitches are taken out, with in a week the wound being usually entirely healed, leaving the becoming little depression in the surface of the skin that is called a dimple.

It is not often that a woman desires the removal of a natural dimple, but occasionally a man who considers the mark to be a badge of effeminacy deems to get rid of it. Instead of removing the superfluous fat from beneath the surface a small portion of the skin is cut away. The edges of the dimple are drawn together with stitches, the incision heals and the depression disappears.

### Fighting Lizards.

The ring necked lizard of the Arizona deserts is not a mere devourer of weaklings. He is always ready to fight, whether he is challenged by another or cornered by a man. When brought to bay in some hole, he opens his jaws and dashes bravely out, snapping at everything which opposes him, and so fierce and sudden is his rush that it is impossible to face it without flinching. By holding two of these lizards loosely by the small of the back and allowing their heads to clash as they struggle to escape, one may be able to induce combats such as must occur every day in the desperate lizard world.

Forgetting that they were captives, they would seize upon each other and vent their thwarted rage to the utmost in a fight which, but for timely interference, would doubtless lead to the death of one or the other. Such bulldog pugnacity is rather unlooked for in lizards, but a student of character could easily read in the set jaw and pouted throat of this species the signs of fighting blood.—Country Life in America.

### Billiard Terms.

"What are the principal shots in billiards?" asked the fair young damsel of the wise young man. "The kiss, the follow, the bank and the draw," he replied. "How lovely!" she exclaimed. "It is almost like a courtship. First, the lover gets a kiss, then he follows the girl all about and then—"

"And then," interrupts the man who aspires to pessimism—"and then they get married and he goes to the bank and draws, for that is his cue, unless he wishes to be frozen." (For the benefit of the unsuspecting reader, adds the Baltimore American, we will state that "cue" and "frozen" also are billiard terms. There are still more than might be worked into the little jeu d'esprit, such as "scratch," "break," "drive," "tip," "table," "run," etc., but lack of space prevents carrying the theme to the bitter end.)

### Minute Parts of a Watch.

The minuteness of the parts of a watch is shown by the following figures: It takes 150,000 of one certain kind of watch screws to make a pound. The pivot of the balance wheel is only one-two-hundredths of an inch in diameter. Each jewel hole into which a pivot fits is about one-five-thousandths of an inch larger than the pivot, to permit sufficient play. The finest screw for a small sized watch has a thread of 260 to the inch and weighs one-one-hundred-and-thirty-thousandths of a pound. A pallet jewel weighs one one-hundred-and-fifty-thousandths of a pound; a roller jewel a little more than one two-hundred-and-fifty-six-thousandths. The largest round hair spring stud is four-one-hundredths of an inch in diameter and about nine one-hundredths of an inch in length.

### Choked Him Off.

Kraft—The boss has promised to give me a rise in my salary next week. Newitt—Serry, old man, but I can't kid you anything.

Belief that there are as good fish in the sea as ever were caught is poor consolation to the man whose bait is gone.

### An Ambidextrous Artist.

Conrad Cook, son of E. W. Cook, R. A., told me that he used to hold the paper while Landseer drew one animal with his right hand and a different animal with his left, writes J. A. Manson in "Sir Edwin Landseer, R. A." This species of dexterity comes from practice no doubt, and is akin to the adroit manipulation of the accomplished pianist, but is nevertheless extraordinary, and several cases are recorded in which Sir Edwin fairly astounded the onlookers by such displays of manual skill.

### A Lesson With His Autograph.

An admirer once wrote to Lowell describing his autograph collection and concluding with the remark, "I would be much obliged for your autograph." The reply came, bearing with it a lesson on the correct use of the words "would" and "should," which deeply impressed itself on the mind of the recipient. The response read:

Pray, do not say hereafter, "I would be obliged." If you would be obliged, be obliged and be done with it. Say, "I should be obliged," and oblige yours truly. JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL.

### No Cause For Worry.

Elderly Flance—I hope you are not impressed by the silly sentimentalists who hold that because you've married once you ought not to marry again! Pretty Widow—Don't let that worry you, dear; I've no such prejudice. My own dear mother was married three times, and I only hope that in all things I may follow her example.

### CHOICE FEEDERS.

They Are Indicated by General Form, Quality and Constitution.

If the animals in one grade of stockers and feeders are more uniform than in the others, it is in the choice grade. It may be said that we demand in choice stockers and feeders, first, the ability to finish as choice or prime steers, and, second, the ability to make economical gains in flesh and fat, and we look for indications of these tendencies in the form, quality and constitution. The general form should be low set, deep, broad and compact rather than high up, gaunt, narrow and loosely made. Stockers and feeders should be low set or on short legs, because animals of this conformation are almost invariably good feeders and capable of early maturity. They should be deep, broad and compact because this conformation indicates good constitution, capacity for growth and for producing ultimately a relatively high percentage of the most valuable cuts. Select feeders with broad, flat backs and long, level rumps. They should possess straight top and underlines which should be nearly parallel, should be low at the flanks, thus forming good depth, for the barrel of stockers and feeders as well as dairy cows should be roomy. An animal which is too paunchy, however, is objectionable to the butcher. The matter of low flanks should be emphasized, as it is an almost unfailing sign of good constitution and good feeding quality. It should be borne in mind that the stocker and feeder, thin in flesh and largely destitute of external or surface fat, affords the best possible opportunity of determining the covering of natural flesh characteristic of the animal.

### Smooth Outline and Mild Eye.

Secure as much smoothness of outline as is consistent with low flesh, being especially careful to avoid too great prominence in hips, tail head and shoulders. Avoid rough, open shoulders, sway backs and large, coarse heads with small eyes set in the side of the head. Short, broad heads and short, thick necks indicate strong tendencies toward beefmaking. A large, prominent and mild eye is to be desired. The mild eye denotes that the animal has a quiet disposition, which all feeders know is so desirable in a steer intended for the feed lot. The distance between eye and horn should be short, and the horn should be flat and of medium fineness rather than round and coarse. The lower jaw should be heavily coated with muscle. The muzzle, lips and mouth should be large, but not coarse.

### Good General Quality.

It is well to distinguish between what might be called general quality and handling quality. By general quality is meant general refinement of

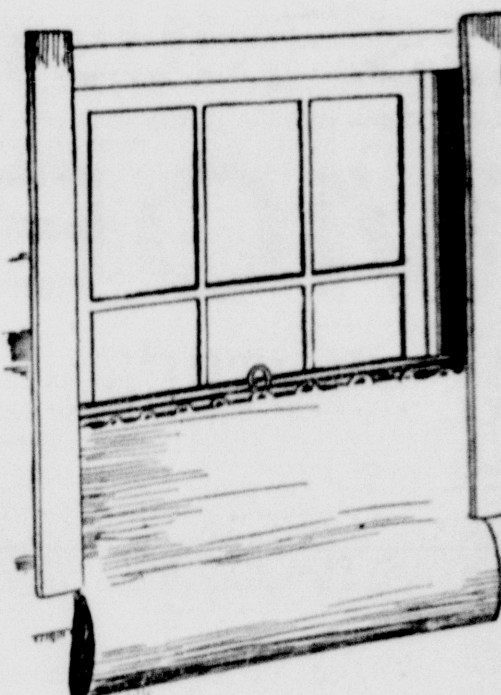
external conformation as seen in the head, horn, bone, compactness and smoothness of outline. General quality is affected by nothing so much as by breeding. Good quality is seldom found in a plainly bred steer, but is generally characteristic of a well bred animal. While it is a characteristic that involves many points and is difficult to describe, it is this characteristic more than any other that we depend upon as indicating that the animal has within it the possibility of making a prime steer.

### Desirable Handling Quality.

Good handling quality indicates that the possessor is a good feeder. It shows that the animal is in good health or thrift and capable of beginning to gain as soon as an abundance of food is supplied. We speak of cattle as possessing good handling quality when the skin is mellow and loose. A thick, mossy coat of hair of medium fineness and a moderately thick skin are desirable.—H. W. Mumford, Illinois Experiment Station.

### Poultry House Window.

Henhouses are cold at night in winter because of loose windows and because glass quickly radiates heat. The curtain shown in the cut obviates both difficulties. It stops drafts and prevents radiation. It is made to slide be-



WINDOW CURTAIN.

neath side pieces, since this keeps air from leaking in at the edges of the curtain. It hangs down below the window during the day and at night is raised to the hook above the window. Use closely woven burlap and nail a latch at the top to hold the ring and to keep the upper edge close to the window casing.—American Agriculturist.

### Apples Wrapped For Long Keeping.

Indications from experiment at the New Hampshire experiment station are that for long keeping of apples wrapping is of decided advantage. Light and heavy waxed paper, tissue paper and newspaper were used for wrapping, and there was but little difference in their effectiveness, newspaper being practically as effective as the more expensive kinds.

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British Women Prize Bits of Lead Stopped by Loved Ones.

A prominent west end jeweler told me that many a well known society woman is wearing as her most prized charm a little piece of lead that has been extracted from the person of some one near and dear to her. writes the London correspondent of the New York Herald. Not a few officers returning from South Africa after being in the hospital brought with them Boer bullets which had found their billets. The bullets have on three occasions been intrusted to this jeweler as the center attractions or exquisite pendants.

One soldier brought a couple of bullets home. They have been set in gold for sleeve links. "And he went out again to see if he could get a couple more to complete the set," said the jeweler gravely.

### Duties of the "Pet" Sheep.

Out at the abattoir the "pets" among the sheep may be distinguished by their superior height and shapeliness and by the intelligence of their expression. The pets are murderers. In the other pens sheep come and go by thousands to the slaughter, but the pets remain. They are trained to lead their fellows to death, and they do this work well, for they have by reason of their strength, intelligence and beauty a great influence. When the butchers of the abattoir wish to slaughter a flock of sheep word is passed to the pets, and they indifferently, calmly, saunter in among the flock, gain their confidence and esteem and then take their places at their head and lead them to the slaughter house. —Philadelphia Record.

### A Ewe Nurses a Fox.

A recent dispatch from Susquehanna, Pa., gave a curious account of how a ewe had adopted a fox and nursed it. The mother of the fox was killed in a trap last fall, and a farmer gave the little one into the care of a ewe whose lamb had been killed by wildcats shortly before. The fox has thrived mightily, and the affection between the ewe and orphan seems to be as great as if the little fox were its own offspring.

## DELHI'S GREAT DURBAR

India's Plans For Celebrating the British Coronation.

### THREE CHIEF CAMPS FOR VISITORS

The First Reserved For Those From England and the United States—Sixty Miles of Railroads, a Central Market and an Arena For 8,000 People Are Among the Sights.

A very interesting account of the preparations made in and about Delhi for the durbar has been sent to the London Express by its special correspondent in India. Signs of activity, says the correspondent, are plain long before the coronation camp is reached. In the city itself buildings are being run up and altered at top speed, and the placard, "To Let For the Durbar," meets the eye at every turn.

There are three principal camps for visitors—No. 1, reserved for those from England and America; No. 2 includes a number of nonofficial people from all parts of India, and No. 3 is allotted to people who bring their own tents and manage their own feeding.

The principal hotels in Delhi have been secured by a syndicate. Large plots of land have been taken up by speculators to be let in smaller plots by those who are in want of accommodation.

The main official camp has as a center the elaborate accommodation for the viceroy and his personal guests. It is estimated that in this camp alone there will be altogether some 2,000 souls, so that its size may be imagined.

Farther away, at distances varying from two to ten miles, are the camps of the numerous native chiefs and their retinues. Every leading prince in India will be present—the nizams of Hyderabad, the gackwar of Baroda, the maharajas of Jaipur, Mysore, Udaipur and Travancore, etc., and other chiefs with fearsome titles, the recital of which at length would bewilder the mind.

A special light railway has been constructed for passenger traffic in camp. Electric lighting will be general, and a central market for provisions, etc., has been built. A large dairy farm will be in operation. Most of the tents will have fireplaces to mitigate the piercing cold of Delhi December nights. Some sixty miles of roads have been laid out to give access to the camps.

The site of the arena—the scene of the stately pageant to which all the other arrangements are subsidiary—lies some three miles to the north of the camps, and necessarily so, since it is no rash surmise that a quarter of a million people will be in and about it on Jan. 1.

A vast open plain, from which the ripened crops have just been reaped, will then be covered by 40,000 regular troops, the motley retainers of princes and chiefs, the vast outpourings of Delhi city, while within the horseshoe seating room will be found for some 8,000 people.

Far away to the south of the arena are the polo grounds, for which 2,000,000 cubic feet of earth have been removed.

Within the fort a gigantic ballroom has been constructed for the state ball of 5,000 guests. Here, in the Dewan-i-Am, there will also be an investiture for Indian orders, at which, it is anticipated, numerous honors will be conferred.

### MICROBE COLONIES IN FRUIT

Twelve Millions on Half Pound of Cherries, Says German Scientist.

Twelve million bacteria inhabit the skins of a half pound of cherries, according to Dr. Ehrlich, a German scientist, who has made extensive experiments in regard to the infection of fruit with bacteria. Currants come next, with 11,000,000 to every half pound, and grapes next, with 8,000,000.

An account of these experiments has been transmitted to the state department at Washington by United States Consular Clerk Murphy, at Frankfurt. Dr. Ehrlich urges that all fruit be cleaned by either peeling or washing before it is eaten.

### Pie Filled With Live Birds.

The new governor of British Guiana, Sir James Swettenham, is a man of original ideas, says a Kingston correspondent in the Nashville Banner. He gave a ball the other day, and at supper an enormous pie was placed in front of him. When he cut the crust, four and twenty little birds hopped out and flew about the room. Their feathers had been painted in brilliant colors. At first it was thought that the idea was to illustrate a well known nursery rhyme, but it appears that this sort of bird pie is a popular custom in the Malay states, where Sir James comes from. The birds are caught and passed around among the guests, fortune being supposed to smile upon all who handle them.

### A Question of Senatorial Courtesy.

The clerk of the joint committee on printing received a novel communication from a fair correspondent the other day, says a Washington correspondent to the New York Tribune. It reads as follows:

Joint Committee on Printing, the Capitol: Gentlemen—Please do not give date of papa's marriage in the next edition of the Congressional Directory. I am the eldest daughter, and the date given in the directory is a clean giveaway for me, as I am not married. All the boys look up the date and then calculate. Papa promised to attend to this for me before the first edition came out, but says he forgot it. I do not think any end of the government can be served by thus giving away my age, so please attend to it. Yours respectfully,

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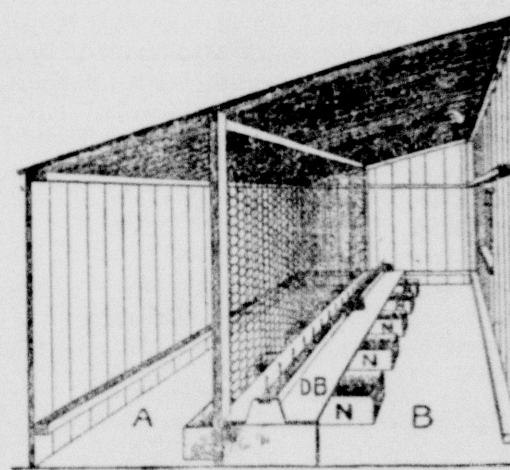
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India's Plans For Celebrating the British Coronation.

### THREE CHIEF CAMPS FOR VISITORS

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A very interesting account of the preparations made in and about Delhi for the durbar has been sent to the London Express by its special correspondent in India. Signs of activity, says the correspondent, are plain long before the coronation camp is reached. In the city itself buildings are being run up and altered at top speed, and the placard, "To Let For the Durbar," meets the eye at every turn.

There are three principal camps for visitors—No. 1, reserved for those from England and America; No. 2 includes a number of nonofficial people from all parts of India, and No. 3 is allotted to people who bring their own tents and manage their own feeding.

The principal hotels in Delhi have been secured by a syndicate. Large plots of land have been taken up by speculators to be let in smaller plots by those who are in want of accommodation.

The main official camp has as a center the elaborate accommodation for the viceroy and his personal guests. It is estimated that in this camp alone there will be altogether some 2,000 souls, so that its size may be imagined.

Farther away, at distances varying from two to ten miles, are the camps of the numerous native chiefs and their retinues. Every leading prince in India will be present—the nizams of Hyderabad, the gajwars of Baroda, the maharajas of Jaipur, Mysore, Udaipur and Travancore, etc., and other chiefs with fearsome titles, the recital of which at length would bewilder the mind.

A special light railway has been constructed for passenger traffic in camp. Electric lighting will be general, and a central market for provisions, etc., has been built. A large dairy farm will be in operation. Most of the tents will have fireplaces to mitigate the piercing cold of Delhi December nights. Some sixty miles of roads have been laid out to give access to the camps.

The site of the arena—the scene of the stately pageant to which all the other arrangements are subsidiary—lies some three miles to the north of the camps, and necessarily so, since it is no rash surmise that a quarter of a million people will be in and about it on Jan. 1.

A vast open plain, from which the ripened crops have just been reaped, will then be covered by 40,000 regular troops, the motley retainers of princes and chiefs, the vast outpourings of Delhi city, while within the horseshoe seating room will be found for some 8,000 people.

Far away to the south of the arena are the polo grounds, for which 2,000,000 cubic feet of earth have been removed.

Within the fort a gigantic ballroom has been constructed for the state ball of 5,000 guests. Here, in the Dewan-i-Am, there will also be an investiture for Indian orders, at which, it is anticipated, numerous honors will be conferred.

### BOER BULLETS AS CHARMS.

British Women Prize Bits of Lead Stopped by Loved Ones.

A prominent west end jeweler told me that many a well known society woman is wearing as her most prized charm a little piece of lead that has been extracted from the person of some one near and dear to her, writes the London correspondent of the New York Herald. Not a few officers returning from South Africa after being in the hospital brought with them Boer bullets which had found their bullets. The bullets have on three occasions been intrusted to this jeweler as the center attractions for exquisite pendants.

One soldier brought a couple of bullets home. They have been set in gold for sleeve links. "And he went out again to see if he could get a couple more to complete the set," said the jeweler gravely.

### Duties of the "Pet" Sheep.

Out at the abattoir the "pets" among the sheep may be distinguished by their superior height and shapeliness and by the intelligence of their expression. The pets are murderers. In the other pens sheep come and go by thousands to the slaughter, but the pets remain. They are trained to lead their fellows to death, and they do this work well, for they have by reason of their strength, intelligence and beauty a great influence. When the butchers of the abattoir wish to slaughter a pet, of sheep word is passed to the pets, and they indifferently, calmly, saunter in among the flock, gain their confidence and esteem and then take their places at their head and lead them to the slaughter house.—Philadelphia Record.

### A Eve Nurses a Fox.

A recent dispatch from Susquehanna, Pa., gave a curious account of how a ewe had adopted a fox and nursed it. The mother of the fox was killed in a trap last fall, and a farmer gave the little one into the care of a ewe whose lamb had been killed by wildcats shortly before. The fox has thrived mightily, and the affection between the ewe and orphan seems to be as great as if the little fox were its own offspring.

### MICROBE COLONIES IN FRUIT

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Twelve million bacteria inhabit the skins of a half pound of cherries, according to Dr. Ehrlich, a German scientist, who has made extensive experiments in regard to the infection of fruit with bacteria. Currants come next, with 11,000,000 to every half pound, and grapes next, with 8,000,000.

An account of these experiments has been transmitted to the state department at Washington by United States Consular Clerk Murphy, at Frankfurt. Dr. Ehrlich urges that all fruit be cleaned by either peeling or washing before it is eaten.

### Pie Filled With Live Birds.

The new governor of British Guiana, Sir James Swettenham, is a man of original ideas, says a Kingston correspondent in the Nashville Banner. He gave a ball the other day, and at supper an enormous pie was placed in front of him. When he cut the crust, four and twenty little birds hopped out and flew about the room. Their feathers had been painted in brilliant colors. At first it was thought that the idea was to illustrate a well known nursery rhyme, but it appears that this sort of bird pie is a popular custom in the Malay states, where Sir James comes from. The birds are caught and passed around among the guests, fortune being supposed to smile upon all who handle them.

### A Question of Senatorial Courtesy.

The clerk of the joint committee on printing received a novel communication from a fair correspondent the other day, says a Washington correspondent to the New York Tribune. It reads as follows:

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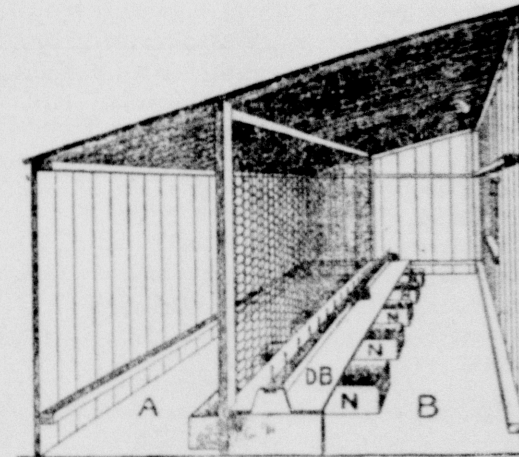
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